Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what approximately is the deficit for the last two or three years?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—In 1106 there was a deficit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it on account of the fact that the Municipality is working on a deficit that the surplus of Rs. 42,000 and odd is kept in deposit?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—In the first place the Municipality is required to place a certain amount to carry on the daily transactions of the Municipality. That is the fundamental principle for laying up certain surplus. This surplus is expected to meet such requirements.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— What exactly is the usual annual expenditure of that Municipality?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It will come to about Rs. 50,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that this is the only Municipality in the State that imposes land tax?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The question does not arise.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I just wanted to show to the House that even this income, though it looks very large, is derived from an additional tax on land which is imposed only by that Municipality.

Cochin Textiles, Ltd.—particulars regarding.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state when were "The Cochin Textiles, Ltd.", registered;

(2) has the Government taken any shares in this Company;

(3) if so, how much?

(4) who are the Managing Agents and has any Cochinite any share in the management;

(5) where is the Mill to be located;

(6) are the Government satisfied about the suitability of the locality having all facilities required for the working of a Cotton Mill;

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(7) if so, what are the special facilities in the present place;

(8) is any cotton available near this place as in Coimbatore;

(9) if not, have they any idea of growing cotton in the locality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) In April 1936.

(2) Yes.

(3) 1,500 preferential shares of Rs.100 each.

(4) Messrs. Ramal & Co., Ltd., Post Box No. 173, Esplanade, Madras.

Yes.

(5) In Amballur village near Pudukkad.

(6) It is understood that the place selected is suitable.

(7) The locality satisfies the general conditions for the erection of a Mill.

(8) No.

(9) Not at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has any Cochinite a share in the Managing Agency?

Mr. President.—The answer is there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— How many shares have Cochinites taken in this company?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any place in Cochin where cotton is grown?

Mr. President.—Chittur grows a very small amount of cotton.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will cotton growing be a useful experiment for the purpose of this mill?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—We cannot get the soil required for the growing of cotton.

Machines invented by late Mr. C. M. Velappan, Industrial Assistant, G. T. School, Trichur.

176. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state how many machines were invented by

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